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SUBJECT: KHMER UNITED NATIONS CREDENTIALS

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1. WE HAVE HAD WEEKLY EXCHANGES WITH RECENTLY- DEPARTED FORMER AUSTRALIAN CHARGE KINGSMILL ON QUESTION OF KHMER CREDENTIALS AT UNGA. HE REPEATEDLY STRESSED WHITLAM'S DISTASTE FOR USE OF PROCEDURAL VOTES TO ACCOMPLISH POLITICAL OBJECTIVES (REFTEL A) AND HE DOUBTED WE COULD OBTAIN GOA SUPPORT FOR GKR UNLESS AN ACCEPTABLE SUBSTANTIVE RESOLUTION COULD BE PRESENTED. HE ARGUED (AND WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER THIS WAS HIS PERSONAL VIEW OR WAS BASED ON INSTRUCTIONS) THAT A RESOLUTION WHICH AVOIDED OR DEFERRED ISSUE OF WHETHER GKR OR GRUNK SHOULD OCCUPY CAMBODIAN UN SEAT WOULD BE CONSIDERED "PROCEDURAL" BY GOA AND WOULD THEREFORE NOT BE SUPPORTED BY WHITLAM GOVERNMENT. WE COUNTERED (IN VAIN) THAT SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN UNDER CONSIDERATION--E.G., ESTABLISHING A UN "FACT-FINDING MISSION", OR CALLING ON THE TWO KHMER SIDES TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS TOWARD A PEACEFUL

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SETTLEMENT-- WERE THOROUGHLY SUBSTANTIVE IN CHARACTER,

NOT PROCEDURAL, EVEN THOUGH THEY MIGHT NOT DEAL DIRECTLY
WITH QUESTION OF KHMER CREDENTIALS.

2. BELIEVE THIS MAY BE ASPECT OF PROBLEM WORTH EXPLORING
FURTHER WITH AUSTRALIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY, AS KINGSMILL'S
POSITION SEEMED TO US LESS THAN LOGICAL. AS NOTED
ABOVE, HE MAY NOT HAVE BEEN REFLECTING HIS FOREIGN
MINISTRY'S CONSIDERED VIEWS.
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